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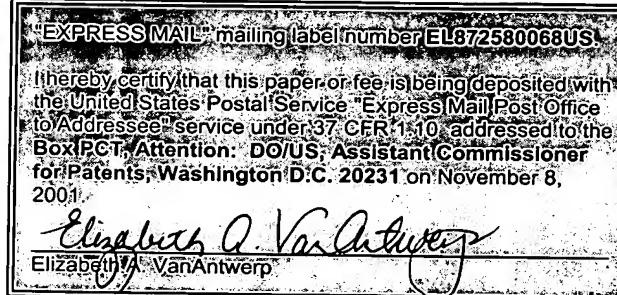
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LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the subject application as follows:

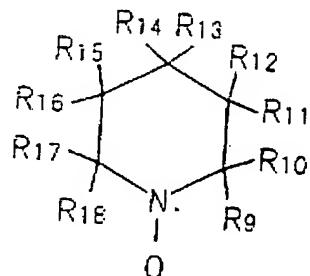
## In the Claims:

Please rewrite claims 12, 25 and 26 as follows:

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12. (Amended) A lithium secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein said cyclic compound containing a N-O radical in a molecular structure is a compound having a molecular structure shown by the following general formula (II);

General formula (II):

(R<sub>9</sub> – R<sub>18</sub>: a hydrogen radical, a hydrocarbon radical, or a cyano radical).